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1. The SAG Synthesewerk in Schwarzheide near Senftenberg (N 52/A 34) chiefly produces fuel for turbo-jet fighters. The fuel production of this plant also includes light gasoline and heavy gasoline. The lubricating oil production consists of cylinder oil for superheated steam engines and for saturated steam engines, turbine oil and transformer oil. The turbine oil is only produced for plant requirements. The paraffin oil and Kogasin (a mixture of kerosene, Diesel oil and paraffin wax) produced is used as basic material for the production of margarine. The paraffin gatsch (paraffin residue) is used as basic material in the production of synthetic resin. All the brown coal crude tar produced in the plant is shipped to Czechoslovakia.
2. Fuller's earth, supplied from the USA through the Benschmann & Company Import Firm in Hamburg (L 54/S 55) is used for bleaching the turbo-jet fuel.* However, in the interzonal trade fuller's earth is officially declared to be used for the bleaching of macroparaffin. In exchange the firm Wifo, G.m.b.H., in Embesen near Lueneburg (N 54/S 81), is supplied with unleaded light gasoline.**
3. The plant has a research department which is chiefly assigned to find other usable nonferrous contact agents as a substitute for cobalt contact agents which must be imported from overseas.
4. Until May 1951, the plant had 6,000 workers and office employees. When the plant was reorganized in late May 1951, 1,500 men were discharged, leaving about 4,500 men employed in the plant in the summer of 1951.***

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